

## Atka receives the last of 20 earth station . . .

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Yukon-Kuskokwim River.

On board the ship is the hydraulic boom that was used to lift the equipment from the Adak dock onto the ship's deck.

The trip to Atka was the first time during the installation of the 20 earth stations that the construction materials could be shipped as a single package including antenna segments, electronics equipment and the two telephones that will be hung in Atka.

Twelve hours later, after crew members spent the night being rocked by five-foot waves, the ship was anchored in Nazan Bay about a mile from shore.

Young Aleuts came out in skiffs to give a ride to the villagers on the ship who were returning from Anchorage. Then the boom went into operation lowering RCA Alascom's construction materials into the Coast Guard ship's small boat.

One more problem remained: How to get each piece of equipment from the small boat up to the Atka dock, 10 feet above the surface of water.

Together RCA Alascom crew members, villagers and Coast Guardsmen hoisted the construction equipment, broken down into various size units, up on the dock.

The largest unit, a 586-pound electronic panel, had to be rolled from the Coast Guard boat to a villager's skiff that could be brought up on the beach.

The Aleuts, who have had a tragic history of transition, look forward to one change—the introduction of telephone communications.

"We really need a telephone. With only the once a month mail service we often find out too late about things such as grants or regional corporation news," said Larry Dirks, Sr., school custodian and a member of the village council.

Villagers believe the telephone will be used for social as well as business calls. Since World War II when the village was burned by the United States Navy to prevent its use by the Japanese, the Aleuts have been working to rebuild and improve their village.

They hope to restore the airstrip and maybe improve the dock and view the telephone as a reliable means to answer village needs. Communications in the village is now limited to the radio set up in the house of Tom Crandall, principal and teacher for Atka's 17 children.

Again weather permitting, radio calls are sent out once a day to the RCA Alascom station

in Cold Bay about 500 miles up the Chain.

"One time we had an emergency and had to ask that anyone who heard us answer. We finally got through to Dillingham who called Cold Bay for us," Dirks said.

A village meeting determined the location of the earth station antenna which was constructed to the side and behind the teacher's house. Within four days the village crew completed the first two phases of construction and hoisted the 800 pound antenna in place.

During the third phase another RCA Alascom crew will hook up the electronic equipment and the telephones, one each for public use and for emergency medical communications.

"As soon as we get the phone, I'm going to call my friends in Anchorage," said 12-year-old Billy Golodoff. He and his young friends boasted that they already knew how to use the telephone.

They listened in at a meeting attended by half of the 75 Aleuts in the village as procedures for administering the telephone and general questions on use and operation were addressed.

## Bear stolen . . .

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ketable."

Rowinski said the theft was committed with virtually no damage to the locking display case and it looked like the thief "had to have a University of Alaska master key" to do it.

The theft comes at a time when museum officials are concerned with security in the facility which is badly overcrowded. Rowinski is hoping the Alaska Legislature will see fit to put a new University Museum on the bond issue which goes before the voters this fall.

He said, "This building was never meant to handle the number of people who come into it and it is very difficult to police. There are many areas which can't be observed by one attendant."

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE

The University of Alaska, Anchorage Survey Research Center, under contract with the Governor's Growth Policy Council, will be conducting interviews on the topic of growth and development in Alaska during the weeks April 19-30. Interviews will be approximately 1 1/2 hour in length in pre-selected households in the following communities:

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Interviewers will have identification cards and will be glad to discuss further the purpose of the study with interested individuals. At the conclusion of the study all respondents will have an opportunity to obtain the results of the survey. For further information, please contact Mrs. Marsha Bennett, Coordinator, Growth Policy Council Survey, University of Alaska, Anchorage, Anchorage Senior College, 3221 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99504.

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## BSNC meeting . . .

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In a discussion on proxies during the annual meeting, meanwhile, one stockholder complained that proxies should be written in the Eskimo languages for stockholders who could not speak English. The problem here, said several board members, was that most persons who spoke fluent Eskimo did not read the language.

There are several Eskimo languages and dialects spoken in the region and persons who cannot understand the proxies in English can demand an explanation in Eskimo, in their own village.

Another problem with such translations, noted Clifford Weyiouanna, is that some matters cannot readily be translated into Eskimo. The problem of translating corporation business matters into Native languages has been a recurring one since the land claims issue was resolved several years ago. There is, for example, no word in any of the Eskimo

languages for "stockholder."

### OTHER ISSUES

Other topics under discussion ranged from costs of studies to determine the advisability of various purchases to the number of board members employed by the regional corporation. Trigg is the only board member employed directly by BSNC. Vernon Olson is employed through the subsidiary Bering Straits Investment Co. in Anchorage.

During breaks in the meeting, there was Bingo for cash prizes offered by the corporation, much to the delight of younger stockholders who held their own in the game. Several persons also won door prizes.

More than 3,800 stockholders were represented in person or by proxy at the annual meeting. BSNC has about 6,800 stockholders.

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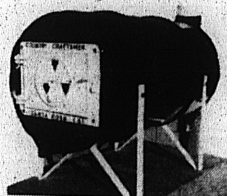
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